



Docket No.: 060188-0132

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Masao KITAGAWA	:	Confirmation Number: 9505
Application No.: 10/021,039	:	Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: December 19, 2001	:	Examiner: Wesley J. Tucker
For: NOISE REDUCING APPARATUS AND NOISE REDUCING METHOD	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to Office Action dated March 21, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: